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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:
Junji TSUCHIYA

For: **CONNECTION DEVICE FOR STABILIZING A CONTACT WITH EXTERNAL CONNECTORS**

Assigned to: ALPS ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Application Elements:

- ☒ **18** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ **05** Sheets of formal Drawings
- ☒ **03** Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☐ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
- ☒ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
 - ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

- ☒ Priority of Japanese Application No. 2003-018542 filed on January 28, 2003 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☒ The certified copy is enclosed.
- ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No.
- ☐ The certified copy will follow.

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

- ☐ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

	(Col. 1) Total Claims		(Col. 2) Claims	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	07	MINUS	20	= 00	x 18 =	
INDEP.	01	MINUS	3	= 00	x 86 =	
[] First presentation of multiple dependent claim					\$290 =	
Basic Filing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a)					\$770 =	770.00
TOTAL						770.00
SMALL ENTITY 50% FILING FEE REDUCTION (if applicable)						

- ☒ Check No. 21223 in the amount of \$810.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. ALPSP142).

General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)


- ☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. ALPSP142).

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